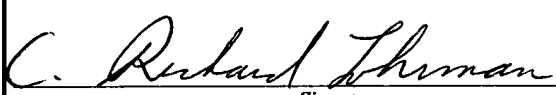
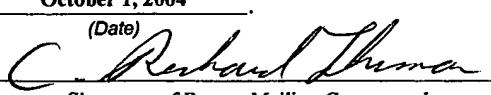


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This is a reply to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11 are currently rejected.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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